

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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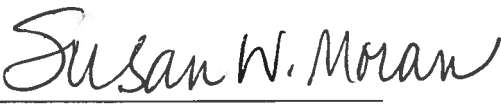
Resolution No.: 230

Introduced by: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

**A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 2016 GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND § 614 TALBOT COUNTY CHARTER TO DELETE THE EXISTING CONSUMER PRICE INDEX LIMITATION ON INCREASES ON REAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES**

By the Council: July 12, 2016

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearings scheduled on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order,   
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, Section 614 of the Charter for Talbot County provides for a balanced budget and tax levy; and,

WHEREAS, Art. XI-A Section 5, Maryland Constitution provides that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the County Council.

SECTION ONE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the question to adopt the following Charter Amendment appear on the ballot at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter of Talbot County:

**KEY**

**Boldface**..... Heading or defined term.  
Underlining..... Added to existing law by original resolution  
~~Strikethrough~~..... Deleted from existing law by original resolution  
Double underlining..... Added to resolution by amendment  
~~Double strikethrough~~ ..... Deleted from resolution by amendment  
\* \* \*.....Existing law unaffected

SECTION TWO: Section 614 of the Talbot County Charter be amended as follows:

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**Section 614 Tax Levy and Balanced Budget**

- 1 When the County budget is finally established by the Annual Budget and Appropriation
- 2 Ordinance, the Council shall thereupon levy and cause to be raised the amount of taxes required
- 3 by the current expense budget and the current portion of the capital budget in the manner
- 4 provided by law so that the budget is balanced as to proposed income and expenditures.
- 5 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ~~Article~~Section, from and after July 1, ~~1997~~2017,
- 6 revenues derived from taxes on properties existing on the County real property tax rolls at the
- 7 commencement of the County fiscal year shall not increase, compared with the previous year, by

8 more than two percent, ~~or by the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)~~  
9 ~~percentage of change for the latest calendar year, determined by the U.S. Department of Labor,~~  
10 ~~whichever is the lesser.~~

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SECTION THREE: In accordance with Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, the question to adopt this proposed Charter amendment shall be submitted to and decided by County voters at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If, at the election the majority of popular votes cast on the question are in favor of this proposed amendment, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election.

SECTION FOUR: If the proposed amendment is approved by the voters at the election, the revised revenue cap authorized by the amendment shall become effective December 8, 2016.

SECTION FIVE: In accordance with the requirements of Maryland Constitution Article 11-A § 5 and Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, this Resolution, if approved by 4/5 of the full Council, shall be published once a week for five (5) successive weeks prior to the election in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the County.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and title of this Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ having been published, a public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. and on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

## **BY THE COUNCIL**

ENACTED:

By Order \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Pack -

Williams -

Bartlett -

Price -

Callahan -

*In accordance with Section 805 of the Talbot County Charter, the question to adopt this proposed amendment to the Charter shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general election occurring after adoption of this Resolution. If, at the election the majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the proposed amendment, the amendment stands enacted from and after the thirtieth calendar day following the election.*